

## JOURNAL OF THE HOUSE.

Thursday, July 1, 2004.

Met according to adjournment, at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session, with Mr. Donato of Medford in the Chair (having been appointed by the Speaker, under authority conferred by Rule 5, to perform the duties of the Chair).

Pledge of  
allegiance.

At the request of the Chair (Mr. Donato), the members, guests and employees joined with him in reciting the pledge of allegiance to the flag.

### *Resolutions.*

Mabel  
Faltus.

Resolutions (filed with the Clerk by Mr. Cabral of New Bedford) congratulating Mabel Faltus on the occasion of her one hundredth and second birthday, were referred, under Rule 85, to the committee on Rules.

Mr. Petrolati of Ludlow, for the committee on Rules, then reported that the resolutions ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Lepper of Attleboro, the resolutions (reported by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading to be correctly drawn) were considered forthwith; and they were adopted.

### *Order.*

The following order (filed by Mr. Quinn of Dartmouth) was referred, under Joint Rule 30, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently:

Banks and  
Banking  
committee,  
extension  
of time for  
reporting.

*Ordered,* That, notwithstanding the provisions of Joint Rule 10, the committee on Banks and Banking be granted until Friday, July 30, 2004, the time within which to make its final report on current House document numbered 4697.

Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committees on Rules, then reported that the order ought to be adopted. Under suspension of the rules, on motion of Mr. Peterson of Grafton, the order was considered forthwith; and it was adopted. Sent to the Senate for concurrence.

### *Papers from the Senate.*

Montachusett  
Regional  
Planning  
Commission.

A Bill clarifying the eligibility of the employees of the Montachusett Regional Planning Commission to participate in the Commonwealth's group insurance plan (Senate, No. 1399) (on a petition), passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 33, to the committee on Local Affairs and Regional Government on the part of the House.

Abington,  
government.

A Bill providing for a strong town manager form of government in the town of Abington (Senate, No. 2345) (on a petition) [Local Approval Received], passed to be engrossed by the Senate, was read; and it was referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

A petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2410) of Therese Murray, Eric Turkington and Matthew C. Patrick (by a vote of the town) for legislation to validate the results of the annual town election held in the town of Falmouth on May 18, 2004, was referred, in concurrence, to the committee on Election Laws.

Falmouth,  
town  
election.

### *Reports of Committees.*

By Mr. Mariano of Quincy, for the committee on Insurance, on House, Nos. 1306 and 1523, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Insurance to make an investigation and study of certain House documents concerning insurance regulations (House, No. 4942).

Insurance,  
study.

By Mrs. Owens-Hicks of Boston, for the committee on Local Affairs and Regional Government, on House, No. 4783, an Order relative to authorizing the committee on Local Affairs and Regional Government to make an investigation and study of a certain House document concerning the parking of vehicles in the town of Plymouth (House, No. 4943).

Plymouth  
parking,  
study.

Severally referred, under Joint Rule 29, to the committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently.

Subsequently Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for said committees, reported, in each instance, asking to be discharged from further consideration of said orders; and recommending that the same severally be referred to the House committee on Rules.

Under Rule 42, the reports severally were considered forthwith; and they were accepted.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, that the following bills ought to pass:

Bill relative to making false emergency reports (House, No. 1064); and

False  
emergency  
reports.

Bill relative to the regulations of street excavations by utility companies (House, No. 2912);

Utility  
companies.

Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mr. Rogers of Norwood, for the committee on Ways and Means, that the following bills ought to pass:

Bill relative to the Massachusetts Property Insurance Underwriting Association (House, No. 4672); and

Underwriting  
Association.

Bill further regulating the setting of private passenger automobile insurance rates (House, No. 4675);

Automobile  
insurance  
rates.

Severally referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

By Mrs. Owens-Hicks of Boston, for the committee on Local Affairs and Regional Government, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain conservation restrictions in the town of Edgartown (House, No. 4762). [Local Approval Received].

Edgartown.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to certain conservation land in the town of Falmouth (House, No. 4763) [Local Approval Received].

Falmouth.

Concord.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to construction of sewer system extensions in the town of Concord (House, No. 4778) [Local Approval Received].

Provincetown.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the historic commission of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4780) [Local Approval Received].

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the board of assessors of the town of Provincetown (House, No. 4781) [Local Approval Received].

Wayland.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the position of town administrator in the town of Wayland (House, No. 4784) [Local Approval Received].

North  
Andover.

By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to town meeting warrants in the town of North Andover (House, No. 4785) [Local Approval Received].

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to the board of health in the town of North Andover (House, No. 4786) [Local Approval Received].

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill relative to town meeting warrant summaries in the town of North Andover (House, No. 4787) [Local Approval Received].

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of North Andover to grant certain utility easements (House, No. 4788) [Local Approval Received].

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By the same member, for the same committee, on a petition, a Bill authorizing the town of North Andover to grant a certain utility easement (House, No. 4789) [Local Approval Received].

Boards,  
duties.

By Mr. Scaccia of Boston, for the committee on Rules, on House No. 2072, reports, in part, a Bill granting additional duties and powers to area boards (House, No. 1116).

Severally read; and referred, under Rule 7A, to the committee on Steering, Policy and Scheduling.

#### *Orders of the Day.*

Third  
reading  
bills.

House bills  
Relative to the Belchertown Economic Development and Industrial Corporation (House, No. 4692);

Placing certain members of the fire department of the town of Hanover under the civil service law (House, No. 4817); and

Relative to the charter of the town of Needham (House, No. 4875, changed) (its title having been changed by the committee on Bills in the Third Reading);

Severally reported by said committee to be correctly drawn, were read a third time; and they were passed to be engrossed. Severally sent to the Senate for concurrence.

#### *Order.*

Next  
sitting.

On motion of Mr. Finneran of Boston,—  
*Ordered*, That when the House adjourns today, it adjourn to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M.

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At nine minutes after eleven o'clock A.M., on motion of Ms. Wolf of Cambridge (Mr. Donato of Medford being in the Chair), the House adjourned, to meet on Tuesday next at eleven o'clock A.M., in an Informal Session.